

# Winter Gossip About Leading Sports for Fireside Consumption

## MAY PLAY CARLISLE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

Indians Will Certainly Have a Place on Virginia's Schedule Next Fall—Few Changes From This Year Expected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Charlottesville, Va., December 2.—While no action has as yet been taken by the advisory board of the General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia looking to the arrangement of a schedule of football games for next fall, it is almost certain that Virginia will again meet the Carlisle Indians on the Saturday before the annual contest with Georgetown. This time, too, despite the general regret expressed on every hand that this year's battle with the Redskins should have come just ahead of the big game with the Blue and Gray. Many are of the opinion that if Virginia had not gone through such a grueling contest just one week before the Georgetown game, the result would have been different. Close followers of the gridiron sport hereabouts maintain on the other hand that victory would have been on the Georgetown banner even if Virginia had enjoyed a fortnight's rest. They argue that the Blue and Gray have a veteran team, with a line and backfield too heavy for the light Virginians. Those who think that the result would have been different point to Virginia's showing against North Carolina. The Tarheels were unable to get even within striking distance of the Orange and Blue goal, and the Virginians were a great improvement over the showing made ten days before. Captain Geyer had almost entirely recovered from his sickness, and the veteran tackle, had been given time to get in shape. Just where the contest with the Indians will be held is not known, but it would not be surprising if the game is scheduled for Lambeth Field, at the university. One thing is certain, the Redskins have received a fourth of next for Virginia, and it is believed that they are not particular where the game is played.

## Fans Want to Know Who'll Pilot Team

By GUS MALBERT.

What is the local baseball situation?

It is not intended to put an unfair question, nor is it the desire to make it appear as if those who stand ready and willing to support the local team when the season begins next year are desirous of prying into the secrets of the league. There are certain things which the fan believes he is entitled to know, and among these things he does not include the purchase of a player when publicity might prevent the trading of another player for some man against whom others may have a claim.

The fan is usually the most easily driven of any specie of animal extant. He is willing to follow blindly where he is led. He is the last thing or person in the world to go putting his nose in other people's business, but when it comes to the most intensely interested human being, or animal, as the case may be, in the world. He knows that for nearly, if not quite, four months he is going out to the ball park, sometimes with his pride thrust in his pocket, and watching the baseball team representing his city play ball.

If, as is the case in Richmond, the fan's team represents the largest city in the State, and at the same time the richest treasury of any ball team in the league, he wants to feel that he is getting as much information regarding his team—and there is considerable of the personal element in this request—as is the fellow on the other team.

With all due respect for the privacy of the magnates' inner council, and without butting in on anything which could be in fairness withheld, it is not a perfectly just request to ask on the first day of December who will be the man to make the local team. The past season was disastrous. From the fan's standpoint at any rate. When this assertion is made it does not mean that the local interests did not attempt to secure the best possible man. In all fairness, it should be stated right here that it is the opinion of the writer that the local management did try to get the best obtainable man. No person is infallible. Mistakes are frequently made. Evidently a mistake was covered up for so many months that the fan was left standing on the outside.

Public Is Interested.  
In all large business enterprises the opinion has long held that when one has a good article and when one is anxious to have this article purchased by the public, the two best ways of accomplishing this purpose are to tell freely and frankly about the article being good and to keep it good.

Baseball is a business proposition pure and simple. There are more people purchasing baseball tickets in Richmond than purchasing any other one commodity during given periods. Day after day the same people go out to Broad Street Park and buy an afternoon of baseball. Usually for the most part these purchasers are easily pleased. If they see a good game of baseball they come away satisfied. But it is in the off season that the fan requires most of his sweetening. He doesn't want to wait until spring to know who will pilot the team which he is expected to support. He wants this information early.

Richmond a Good Ball Town.  
Richmond is reported to be a good ball town, and it is. The fact that baseball is a success here proves this assertion. Nor should it be taken that a reminder of the duty of the fan to the team over to the supporters of the game is meant in a wrong spirit. Sometimes advice of this kind is more valuable than a sermon.

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## BURDEN OF PROOF WITH WRESTLERS

Public Willing to Spend Money, but Wants the Truth.

When it comes to a discussion of the relative merits of those who essay to amuse the public through wrestling matches, many of us are at a loss as to what to say. While all of us may agree as to the ability of wrestling to amuse, some of us may be at odds as regards the intention of those promoting the game. It is obviously unfair to attribute sinister motives to a person or persons until there is some reason for doing so.

It is likewise manifestly unfair to the public to give wide publicity to a sport which has, through the base uses to which it has been put, come to be in disrepute, unless it is known that the sport has been reclaimed and placed upon a standard which the public will do well to patronize and support.

Kid Herbert, against whom no charges can be made, and who has at all times demonstrated his intention not only to be on the square, but to give the people all that they pay for, says that he will be responsible for several contemplated wrestling matches. His name as promoter will doubtless act as a guarantee to those who want to see wrestling. He says that he is endeavoring to get together some of the best local talent, and that if the matches are pulled off they will be on the level.

Kid Holman is slated to go against Blacksmith Bass. It will be a good match. Of this there can be little doubt. Both are husky, and while no claims are made as to their being the best in the game, they are both ambitious. Ambition leads usually to the best efforts on the part of the contestants. A trouble seems to be that Holman wants a little the best of the arrangements. He wants a guarantee. If this is true, there appears to be little likelihood of the match taking place.

It is a question as to which of the two men is entitled to the local championship honors, that each should be willing to make concessions for the purpose of settling the question at rest. Such a match would be welcomed, and while it might not prove a money-maker, would prove to the people that the men behind the scenes are anxious to place wrestling in good repute and are willing to suffer even a financial loss in accomplishing this end.

As to the big fellows, such as Gotch, Hackenschmidt, Westergard and others, who may come here later in the season, it remains to be seen what they will give to the public. It may be that they desire to give the very best in the shop. The only point made in these columns is that no false promises be made. It hurts the game and will make it any easier for those who are legitimately interested to prove their claims.

commanded the large salaries last year will have to go.  
Just because this is a fact is no reason to suppose that baseball will take a step backward in 1911. But it's honest with ourselves. Bunting demands a salary of at least \$10 a month. The only arrangement Owner Bradley can make with President Noyes is that Noyes will admit that Noyes doesn't want Bunting, is to pay the difference between the salary Bunting can get with a team that above the Virginia League class and the salary of the Virginia League will pay. Such an arrangement can be made, but it is under such arrangement that Bunting comes to Richmond, if he does come. Unless, of course, Noyes simply lets the Virginia League go.

Bowling has started out on a new path. The men interested in the game have come to a realization of the fact that only close competition can the game thrive. Therefore with the true spirit of sportsmen they have decided to link their fate with a league which will be productive of close scores. That's what the meeting Thursday night meant and it was the solution to the pool tournament has been declared off until after Christmas because several of the men who are interested wish to leave by that time. The interest is here, and such a meet would attract a large number of enthusiastic followers of the sport.

Talking of wrestling, it is laughable to hear some remark that the game in Richmond has been perfectly clean, and free from any crookedness. We who have sat out in front and have watched the men know a little better. It's all right and everything will be forgiven it the things about which we know don't happen in the future. The fact that one man looks like he has the best of another on the mat is by no means conclusive to those of us who have watched these bouts time and again. We know, unfortunately, the extent to which arrangements have gone in order to fool the

## WANTS ARMY-NAVY GAME PLAYED IN WASHINGTON

Chamber of Commerce Believes Big Football Contest Should Be Annual Event There.  
Washington, December 2.—Asking that the commissioners use their influence in helping to bring the Army-Navy football game to Washington as an annual event, Granville Hunt and M. A. Leese, of the conventions committee of the Chamber of Commerce, called at the District building today. Commissioner Rudolph, as president of the board, promised to give his indorsement and to do what he could. Mr. Hunt explained that the game could be played annually on the ellipse, that stadium of movable seats could be obtained from a business firm, and that the game would be a triumph of handling just such projects, and that the people who go to this game would rather see it in Washington than anywhere else.

The conventions committee of the Chamber of Commerce is going to stir up all the sentiment it can in favor of bringing the game here. It will be necessary to get the consent of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy and to convince the athletic associations of both academies that Washington can handle the crowd.

Winners of Field Trial Derby.  
Waynesboro, Ga., December 2.—The winners of the Continental Field Trial Club's stakes derby announced today were: Senator Fox, owned by G. C. Carson and handled by Jake Blythe; first; Utton Helen, owned by R. C. Edwards and handled by Babcock; second; Southern Belle, owned by R. S. Dunbar and handled by Babcock; third; Miss Sylvia, owned by H. R. Edwards and handled by G. T. Dozier, fourth.

Hoppe Defeats Slosson.  
New York, December 2.—William Hoppe, of this city, who holds the world championship at 181 and 182 lb. in billiards, defeated George Slosson to-night in a 1,000 point match, by a score of 1,000 to 471. Hoppe won out in forty-five innings, with an average of 22.10-45, retaining the championship.

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## CLOSE FINISHES IN SHORT SPRINTS

First Four Horses in Opening Race Pass Wire Barely Heads Apart.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 2.—In the short distance sprints at Moncrief Park to-day one of the closest finishes of the meeting was furnished in the first race, when the first four horses—Phonix, Woolspan, Madeline L. and Lou Lanier—passed the wire barely heads apart in the order named.

Form players were fairly successful, one half of the card going to favorites.

In order to avoid small fields, the management of the racing association decided to prohibit the withdrawal of any horses from any race in which six or less entries are named. Summaries:

First race, breeders' purse, all ages, five and one-half furlongs—Phonix (8 to 1), first; Woolspan (3 to 2), second; Madeline L. (even), third. Time, 1:08 3-5.

Second race, purse, two-year-olds, six furlongs—The Nigger (7 to 1), first; Aldrian (7 to 1), second; Jack Denman (2 to 5), third. Time, 1:13 4-5.

Third race, selling, two-year-olds, five and one-half furlongs—Bills Barnes (5 to 1), first; Monte Fox (4 to 5), second; Splinters (6 to 5), third. Time, 1:08 3-5.

Fourth race, selling, three-year-olds, six furlongs—Alfred the Great (1 to 2), won; Flying Squirrel (9 to 10), second; Detroit (2 to 5), third. Time, 1:11 1-5.

Fifth race, selling, four-year-olds and up, six furlongs—King Avondale (7 to 10), first; Bat Masterson (3 to 5), second; All Red (out), third. Time, 1:13 3-5.

Sixth race, selling, three-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth—Stoneman (even), first; Shapley (5 to 1), second; Sigo (even), third. Time, 1:49 3-5.

With the reconstruction of the Richmond Bowling Association, matters have reached the proper level for advancement of the sport. When the league was organized the members of the association sought to have the several teams so constituted as to furnish the greatest amount of rivalry. Then the question of association entered. Some of the men, who had been playing with other men for years, felt that they would be out of the element of rivalry. The consequence was that they in order to make the league a success, certain concessions were made.

It was realized at the outset that with the teams constituted as they were, one or two teams of the organization had by far the best, in actual play ability so far as actual playing ability was concerned. Then when the games actually began it was demonstrated that what had before been a supposition was a fact. Two of the teams gained a lead which it was impossible for the other teams to overcome. It was then a question of rearranging the teams or giving up the idea of a bowling league, in which all of the teams would be nearly evenly matched. Some of the men lost heart, and while they were perfectly willing to continue, felt that they were being called upon to overcome a handicap which was not set forth in the beginning.

Satisfactory Readjustment.  
It is to the credit of those men who have been banded together for years that they at once saw the claims of the newer bowlers and were willing to agree to a readjustment of affairs. Not only did they agree to the suggestions offered, but in nearly every case, the men who had by far the greater knowledge of the game, were the first to come to the front and offer suggestions. These suggestions were railroad in the extreme. Men who had come to know each other weakly and foibles on the bowling alleys, and men who had been rolled upon to bolster weaknesses of their team mates, were taken from the teams and others substituted.

But all of this was known before the

## ELKS WILL HONOR MEMORY OF DEAD

Program of Annual Memorial Service to Be Held To-Morrow.

Exercises in memory of all the dead of the lodge will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Academy of Music by Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Admission will be by card, the program beginning at 8 o'clock.

An unusually attractive musical program has been arranged, the aid of a number of the city's best musicians having been secured. Every lodge in the country will hold its memorial services at the same hour, adding to the solemnity and significance of the occasion by the knowledge that in all places where a lodge is in existence the Elks who have departed forever are mourned for and their memory honored.

Address on Order.  
Impressive services are prescribed in the ritual of the order, and are added to by an address. This year Hult Glenn, of Staunton, will speak on "Our Order." The roll call of the five dead since the last memorial service will be had as usual.

The program follows:  
Overture, "Der Tambour der Garde" (Toll), Academy Orchestra. Prayer, Solo, "Hear Our Prayers" (Hiliter), H. C. Rueger. Opening ceremonies, Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Exalted Ruler, B. O. James and officers, during which "Roll of our Honored Dead" since last memorial service will be called. Elks' Opening Ode, Melody, "Auld Lang Syne." Solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen" (from Gault's "Holy City"), Mrs. Norris. Solo, "If With All Your Hearts," relative and aria (Mendelssohn), Norbert Hamilton. Overture, "Heart to Heart" (Trink), Academy Orchestra. Diet, "Crucifix" (Faure), Mrs. Norris and Mr. Tindler. Address, "Our Order," Brother Hult Glenn, of Staunton Lodge, Solo, "Crossing the Bar" (Busch), R. L. Whitmore. Solo, "Unanswered" (Bischoff), Tucker. Closing Exercises, Richmond Lodge, No. 45, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Prayer and Benediction, Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D. Overture, "March on the Death of a Hero," Academy Orchestra.

Five members of the Richmond Lodge died since the last memorial service were held. They were: P. H. Sweet, Charles A. Phillips, Arthur Wendlinger, Thomas G. Leath, Sol We L. The officers who will preside at the memorial services are: B. O. James, exalted ruler; John B. Billey, esteemed leading knight; M. T. Richter, esteemed loyal knight; Eugene Bayer, esteemed lecturing knight; T. R. A. Burke, secretary; H. St. John Collier, treasurer; L. J. Schuman, tiler; James E. Clift, esquire; J. H. Stack, inner guard; William Perlestone, chaplain; Joseph Bopp, organist.

Trustees—Joseph Stumpf, J. E. Ferguson and Max F. Lindner.  
Memorial committee—F. W. Cunningham, Robert Walitt, Jake Wells and elective officers of the lodge.

CONTENTIONS DISALLOWED.  
National Commission Considers Selling and Buying of Jackson.

Cincinnati, O., December 2.—Three new contentions were disallowed by the National Baseball Commission today in the controversy between the Shreveport Club and the Philadelphia National League Club regarding the selling and buying of Player Jackson. In each instance the commission decided that the former had assented against both clubs would have to be paid. The Philadelphia Club was fined \$200 for each violation.

A marriage license was issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Charles Reale and Clara May Blankenship.

SLATE WIPED CLEAN; REAL SPORT BEGINS  
In Magnanimous Spirit Bowlers Declare for Perpetuation of Game Rather Than for Individual Achievements—Laudatory Action on Part of Experts Causes Reawakening of Interest.

meeting Thursday night, and the result was that the meeting, instead of being composed of warring elements, was in reality a lovefeast. One of the truest proofs of this fact was that all of the old officers were re-elected. In the speeches made, and in the subsequent action taken, the leaders of the organization showed that they were for continuing the activities on the alleys rather than for the advancement of any particular team or individual. It was, indeed, laudatory, though not unexpected.

Will Foster Sport.  
As pointed out time and again the real object for forming the association and the league was to foster interest in bowling, a sport highly regarded in all of the larger cities of the country. When it was discovered that some of the teams outclassed others, the winning teams magnanimously suggested that a more equitable distribution of the talent could be made. Out of this condition some have seen reason to make sport. The action of the league authorities sets at rest any untoward comments.

The league will now start with a clean slate. In the opinion of many it will be on a firmer footing than before. Certain it is that none of the enthusiasm has been lost. As a result of fact, the men composing the various teams, feeling that they have a chance for the valuable prizes offered, and for the "time" which is so much desired, declare that they will exert their best efforts in an endeavor to win the trophies. Wherefore there were exhibited a spirit of battling against odds, the feeling is now that each team has an equal chance.

The first game under the new arrangement will be played Monday night, when The Times-Dispatch will meet the Plumbers. When the Philadelphia team is defeated, the game will commence, and then until the question of supremacy has been decided there will be no let up on the part of the league. It is on a much firmer basis than ever before, and the winter sport will now continue without interruption.

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	Metropolitan.	2
Bahlke	86	102
Brown	64	77
Bass	59	83
Lehman	64	72
Whitmore	85	82
	348	385
Virginia F. and M.	1	2
Brown	66	81
Adkins	54	76
Bruce	72	86
Lewis	73	76
Baker	75	80
Watson	82	78
	348	406

The Cubs trimmed the Pirates in the indoor baseball league game in the closest contest of the season—2 to 1. Each pitcher failed to throw a man and allowed but four and two hits, respectively.

Score by innings: R. H. Cubs.....0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 Pirates.....1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 Batteries: Lawrence and Blair; T. W. G. and Goolishy.

Standing of the Teams.  
Won. Lost. P. C.  
Athletics.....5 2 .714  
Pirates.....5 2 .714  
Superbas.....4 3 .571  
Tigers.....4 3 .571  
Cubs.....2 5 .286  
Giants.....1 6 .143  
The two leaders will play on Monday.

The Grace Street Baptist Bible Class team defeated the Seventh Street Christian team 9 to 6 in indoor basketball last night in the association gymnasium.  
Score by innings: R. H. Grace Street.....0 3 4 0 0 0 2 9 9 Seventh Street.....0 0 0 2 1 1 0 1 6 8

CURTIS ON STAND

Tells of Treatment at Hands of James Bellwood.  
Trial of the suit of former Dairy Inspector R. H. Curtis, who seeks to recover \$15,000 from James Bellwood, of Chesterfield county, for alleged slander, was begun in the Law and Equity Court yesterday morning. A large number of witnesses was sworn in, and Mr. Curtis was on the stand for the greater part of the day. During the afternoon he was under cross-examination by H. M. Smith, Jr., of Smith, Moncreaf & Gordon, representing the defense. It is expected that the case will occupy several days. Mr. Curtis is represented by O'Flaherty & Furr, and the defense by J. H. Smith, Jr. Mr. Curtis told of the alleged injustices done him by Mr. Bellwood and of how he believed certain statements were derogatory to his character, and finally resorted to his discharge as an employee of the Health Department.

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